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SUBJ : WELFARE OF EX-ROYAL FAMILY MEMBERS

REF : BANGKOK 11518

1. REGRET LATENESS OF REPLY BUT YOUR TELEGRAM DELAYED IN SERVICING AND ONLY ARRIVED LATE MORNING AUGUST 1.

2. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO MEMBERS OF ROYAL FAMILY WERE KILLED EITHER DURING OR AFTER COUP. QUEEN AND SEVERAL OTHERS WERE ALLOWED TO DEPART ON JULY 25. GENERAL ABDUL WALI IS IN CUSTODY AND REPORTEDLY WAS WOUNDED IN LEG DURING COUP TAKEOVER BUT NEW GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN REPEATED ASSURANCES THAT HE IS ALIVE AND REASONABLY WELL. MARSHALL SHAH WALI IS SOMEWHAT EMOTIONALLY DISTRAUGHT BY EVENTS BUT PHYSICALLY WELL. SUPPOSEDLY GOVERNMENT OFFERED TO LET HIM DEPART WITH QUEEN BUT HE INSISTED ON REMAINING AS LONG AS SON GENERAL ABDUL WALI WAS IN CUSTODY.

3. WE ARE STILL CHECKING ON WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF SARDAR ATTAR RAFIQ AND WILL INFORM YOU AS SOON AS WE HAVE WORD.

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